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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMANIS,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
INVOLVED

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DATE: MARCH 30, 1974

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN SITUATION

REF : EMB ADDIS ABABA 3526, 29 MARCH, CONFIDENTIAL

THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY ISSUED AN APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF 3 AMERICANS AND 2 CANADIANS WHO WERE CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA ON MARCH 26. BAD WEATHER FORCED DOWN THEIR HELICOPTER WHILE ON A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FLIGHT FOR THE AMERICAN COMPANY, TENNECO. SO FAR NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM THE CAPTORS, AND TENNECO HAS WITHDRAWN A SEARCH PATROL IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMED CONFRONTATION.

MEANWHILE, ADDIS ABABA AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN ETHIOPIA
APPEAR CALM, BUT TENSION BETWEEN MODERATE AND RADICAL

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REFORMERS IN THE MILITARY REMAINS CLOSE TO THE SURFACE. THE
MODERATES APPEAR TO HOLD THE UPPER HAND AND REACTED FAVORABLY
BUT WITH SOME SKEPTICISM TO THE EMPEROR'S APPOINTMENT LATE LAST
WEEK OF A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PRESENT AND FORMER
OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS. E-2 IMPDET-H
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